



ROXBURY
COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Gateway to the Dream

41st Annual Commencement

Friday, May 13, 2016
One O'Clock P.M.
Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center

The National Anthem

*Oh, say, can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars thru the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?*

Francis Scott Key
1779 - 1843

Lift Every Voice and Sing

*Lift every voice and sing, till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of liberty;
Let our rejoicing rise, high as the list'ning skies,
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,
Let us march on till victory is won.*

James Weldon Johnson
1871 - 1938

Program

Prelude

Processional

Led by Professor Richard Eells, Department of Mathematics

Madison Park High School - Marine Corps JROTC will post the colors

National Anthem

Cadet Ivette Vasquez

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Ms. Rebecca Noelle Zama, Vocalist

Students' Greetings from Around the World

Alumni Speaker

Mr. Kodjo Agblekpe, President, RCC Alumni Association

Introduction of Valedictorians

Ms. Jamica Nadina Love, Dean of Student Life

Valedictorians

Mr. Sheldon Sadik Hall, Associate of Science, Accounting, December 2015

Ms. Jane Ogola Mbayi, Associate of Arts, Health Science, May 2016

Musical Selection

Ms. Rebecca Noelle Zama, Vocalist

Introduction of the Commencement Speaker

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson, President

Commencement Address

Mr. Robert Lewis, Jr., Founder & President, The BASE

Conferring of Degrees and Certificates

Authorization of the Board of Trustees

Mr. Gerald Chertavian, Chair, Board of Trustees

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson, President

Introduction of Degree and Certificate Candidates

Presentation of Degrees and Certificates to the Students

Mr. Gerald Chertavian, Chair, Board of Trustees

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson, President

Recessional

The audience is requested to remain seated during the recessional and is invited immediately after the ceremony to a reception in the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center Gymnasium.

** Mistress of Ceremonies: Ms. Cecile Regner, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs*

Message from the President

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson



Education offers opportunities for changing how we choose to live, how we choose to teach, and how we choose to govern ourselves for future generations to come. Please grasp the opportunities when they arise, for therein lies the key to your future and the future of all of our communities.

Today marks the beginning of an exciting new phase of your life, a phase filled with new opportunities, experiences and growth. As you move forward, take the time to look back and remember today fondly. As I reflect on the accomplishments of the Class of 2016—too numerous to list here—I am both amazed and proud. I hope that you cherish the memories you made at Roxbury Community College and that you use the totality of what you’ve learned here for years to come.

I extend my heartiest congratulations to the Class of 2016.

I wish each of you the very best, and I know that you will be successful in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Valerie R. Roberson". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and elegant.

Dr. Valerie R. Roberson
President

Commencement Speaker

Mr. Robert Lewis, Jr.

Founder & President, The BASE



Robert Lewis, Jr. is a nationally recognized thought leader, public speaker and passionate advocate for urban youth. He is known as a bridge-builder and catalyst for collaboration between diverse business, civic and public sectors. A 2015 *Boston Magazine* cover story listed Robert among the city's 50 Most Powerful Leaders, calling him "a tireless advocate for inner-city kids."

Robert's impressive career trajectory has included important roles such as Executive Director of the Boston Centers for Youth and Families, President and Executive Director of the National Conference for Community and Justice (NCCJ), Senior Vice President of City Year's national operations and Executive Director of City Year Boston, and Vice President for Programs at the Boston Foundation where he directed the distribution of \$16 million+ in discretionary grants.

In 2013, Robert left his high profile position at The Boston Foundation to pursue a lifelong dream to launch The BASE. The BASE is a model and methodology that changes the paradigm for urban youth by providing student athletes with the opportunity, knowledge, skills and confidence needed to develop a winning game plan for success both on and off the field. The BASE embodies everything Robert learned as founder of the Boston Astros, a youth baseball team he launched in 1978. Legendary baseball writer Peter Gammons has called The Astros, "hands-down the best urban baseball program in the country."

Robert is a highly sought-after public speaker, facilitator and spokesperson on the topic of urban issues and opportunities, addressing attendees at major national conferences and inspiring students and faculty on college campuses across the country. He has worked collaboratively with government and civic leaders, offering leadership, critical and strategic thinking on urban youth development. Robert worked with the Minister of Defense in Bermuda to launch StreetStafe Bermuda, and advised Prime Minister David Cameron during the tumultuous riots in the United Kingdom in 2011.

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Among his many awards and distinctions are the 2015 Sports Museum's Lifetime Achievement Award at the Boston Baseball Writer's Annual Dinner, and an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Cambridge (MA) College. In addition, Robert served on MA Governor-elect Charlie Baker's transition team, helping develop Baker's statewide urban agenda.

Robert has been profiled in 4 books: *Developing Better Athletes, Better People, A Leader's Guide To Transforming High School and Youth Sports into a Development Zone*, authored by Jim Thompson, *Do More Than Give, the 6 Practices of Donors Who Change the World*, by Leslie Crutchfield, John Kania and Mark Kramer, *10 Who Mentor*, by Denise Korn, *Men Who Dare*, authored by the late Katherine Martin.

Commencement Vocalist **Ms. Rebecca Noelle Zama**



Rebecca Noelle Zama is a 17 year old singer/songwriter/recording artist who has been performing all around Boston since the age of 4. She specializes in R&B and Neo Soul, as well as zouk, but tries her hand at everything. Rebecca is also a dancer, poet, and pianist. A couple of years ago, she released an EP "Brighter Than the Sun" which features all original music and compositions. She will be graduating from high school at the International School of Boston this June and plans

to attend college in the Massachusetts area this coming fall.

Class of 2016

Honors

GPA 3.00 - 3.49

High Honors

GPA 3.50 - 3.75

Highest Honors

GPA 3.76 - 4.00

Honors Program

Students who have fulfilled the Honors Program have maintained a minimum GPA of 3.3 and have completed three or more Honors courses.

** = Honors - Gold Cord*

*** = High Honors - Black & Gold Cord*

**** = Highest Honors - Bright Yellow Sash*

🎓 = Honors Program

The Registrar of Roxbury Community College maintains the official list of all graduates and honor designations. This program is only for ceremonial purposes.

Associate in Arts

Inikpi Veronica Abalaka* <i>Health Careers</i>	Thania Baez <i>Health Careers</i>	Pierre G. Charles* <i>Business Administration</i>
Yngris I. Abreu-Diaz <i>Health Careers</i>	Edna S. Barbosa* <i>Health Careers</i>	Althea A. Charles*** <i>Health Careers</i>
Patrick Chibuike Achibiri <i>Social Science</i>	Carolina Rivera Barreto <i>Business Administration</i>	Henrietta Muyang Chick*** <i>Health Careers</i>
Mariam Atinuke Adedeji <i>Health Careers</i>	Ruthnie Bazalais <i>Health Careers</i>	Viviane Clerge* <i>Health Careers</i>
Maria I. Agim*** <i>Health Careers</i>	Gertrudis Beato* <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Violeta Cesarina Contreras <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Samira Ahmed* <i>Social Science</i>	Edisha Dorett Beazer* <i>Arts and Humanities</i>	Santiago Cuevas* <i>Business Administration</i>
Kalé Akpabie*** <i>Business Administration</i>	Montfort Bembeleza <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Yvanolf Damice* <i>Health Careers</i>
Carmen Alajjouri <i>Biological Science</i>	Atalia Bennett** <i>Health Careers</i>	Laurén Diane Davis** <i>Liberal Arts</i>
Anny Jeamilet Alcantara R.* <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Neriah Jocelyne Berakhah** <i>Health Careers</i>	Mbuyi Ciamala Deborah <i>Health Careers</i>
Sabienne Alcide <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Darline Bertrand* <i>Social Science</i>	Mireille Delva*** <i>Health Careers</i>
Viviane Alexis* <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Christopher Blythe* <i>Social Science</i>	Crystal Y. DePina <i>Health Careers</i>
Laila Mohamed Ali <i>Biological Science</i>	Edita Bofe <i>Health Careers</i>	Natalia Depina <i>Health Careers</i>
Latifa Ali* <i>Broadcast Media Technology</i>	Jalisa B. Boles <i>Health Careers</i>	Marjorie Desert-Benjamin* <i>Health Careers</i>
Rikita Odessa Allen <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Ashley Boyd <i>Social Science</i>	Ana C. Disla-Santana** <i>Social Science</i>
Derrick A. Allen* <i>Business Administration</i>	Edmara Silvana Cardoso Brito* <i>Liberal Arts</i>	Edna J. Docanto* <i>Health Careers</i>
Marie Lournaz Amazan-Ulysse** <i>Health Careers</i>	Sierra Brown** <i>Health Careers</i>	Michael Domegan*** <i>Business Administration</i>
Dorothy Anderson <i>Social Science</i>	Junior Brunache*** <i>Health Careers</i>	Phara Dorcelly* <i>Health Careers</i>
Enold Antoine* <i>Health Careers</i>	Jennifer Byron <i>Biological Sciences</i>	Ethania Ducoste* <i>Health Careers</i>
Kizzy Ennovy Aponte-Cordero <i>Broadcast Media Technology</i>	Gina Caban <i>Health Careers</i>	Emmanuella S. Dumeus <i>Health Careers</i>
Jacqueline Nicola Augustus <i>Health Careers</i>	Taylor-Marie Carr* <i>Biological Science</i>	Qura Emptage* <i>Health Careers</i>
Kaydine Austin <i>Health Careers</i>	Yanira Carrasullo Ramos* <i>Health Careers</i>	Satchell Evans* <i>Health Careers</i>
Ruth Afor Awah* <i>Health Careers</i>	Nastahja C. Cazeau <i>Health Careers</i>	Nathan Ewusi-Wilson <i>Health Careers</i>
Sheila Azor <i>Health Careers</i>	Stephanie Cetoute* <i>Health Careers</i>	Candice Farquharson* <i>Health Careers</i>

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Associate in Arts

Joanna A. Farrell*	Ian St. Clair Holder*	Anne Keyes***
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Biological Science</i>	<i>Biological Science</i>
Patricia J. Felix	Eyvonne L. Hollins	Geoffrey Reuben Kigera
<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Social Science</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Deonte K. Flounory	Jonilda Hoxha*	Olubola Aderonke Komolafe***
<i>Business Administration</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Mariame Fofana***	Shaniqua Shania Hunt	Utela Lafrance Jacques*
<i>Biological Science</i>	<i>Broadcast Media Technology</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Nadia Fontus*	Adaku C. Iwuagwu***	Sophia Chanell Lamb*
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Mathematics</i>
Vanessa Renee Ford***	Leah A. Jackson*	Daphne Larivaux*
<i>Biological Science</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Social Science</i>
Yvette Yolanda Fox	Trevon A. Jackson-Pratt*	Marquis A. Lawton*
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Business Administration</i>	<i>Social Science</i>
Sarah Francois*	Stella Jagbadi Oghenovo**	Lauvena Lefevre*
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Ashley Nicole Francois*	Stacey James*	Tajmah'nae D. Lewis
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>
Dominicana Garcia*	Rebecca B. Jean	Shelby M. Lindsey-Vaughn
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Social Science</i>
Stephanie Leigh Gemma	Lounely Jean***	Rochelle Lora Bello*
<i>Business Administration</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Andrea C. Genovese	Micose J. Jean Baptiste*	Lisa Pierrette Lorquet
<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Social Science</i>
Nichelle Lydia Gomez	Adeline Jean-Baptiste*	Clifford Ken Lovelace
<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Biological Science</i>
Janet L. Gordon	Yuliana M. Jimenez Echavarria**	Charnel Rakotovao Luc
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>
Aleathia D. Graham	Angela Joachim-Marcelo	Shaquana Antoinette Malcolm
<i>Social Science</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>
Pamela Lynn Gray	Maudeline Jocelyn*	Sabrina Maloney
<i>Biological Science</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Michaelle Guirand-Beauge*	Nadia Jordan	Rose Antoine Marc
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Social Science</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Kenya Harper-Polimis*	Tainabelle Joseph	Marie Guy Tamara Marthone**
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Tashan E. Hay Sr.	Louis Chendy Joseph*	Jane Ogola Mbayi***
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Biological Science</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Rayshawn Haynes*	Credoritch Joseph*	Sheila McElroy
<i>Musical Arts</i>	<i>Biological Science</i>	<i>Social Science</i>
Beyonka Henry	Vanitha Kalimuthu***	Emely Melo*
<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Biological Science</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>
Arlene Hernández*	Salieu Santigie Kamara*	Erica Serginaelle Mentor*
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Musical Arts</i>
Micharen Hernández Luna	Agnes Kasule*	Marie Sultane Merilan*
<i>Social Science</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>

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Mariette Meritus Nicolas*	Jazmin N. Rivera**	Heidy Melissa Velazquez Pagan
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Tanisha Michel	Danecia Robinson	Marie Magline Vertus
<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Social Science</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Horio M.E. Mohamoud	Rosa Linda Rosario	Jason Sherman Victor
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>
Kirk A. Mowatt*	Paula Rousseau	Ashley Vilain**
<i>Business Administration</i>	<i>Biological Science</i>	<i>Business Administration</i>
Josh Mounq Na	Roman B. Sabio	Danica E. Villanueva
<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Biological Science</i>	<i>Business Administration</i>
Edimira Nunes	Michaela Samedy*	Lucretia C. Washington
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>
Kate Eghosa Omoruyi*	Kimberly Sanabria*	Takeisha Watson**
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Yasirya C. Ortiz	Barbara Satchell*	Crystal Watson-Harris*
<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Social Science</i>
Amanda L. Ortiz*	Michael A. Sencion-Castro	David Isaiah Weaver**
<i>Mathematics</i>	<i>Musical Arts</i>	<i>Social Science</i>
Emma Owusu*	Bintu F. Sheriff**	Gaylyn Weekes*
<i>Biological Science</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Visual Arts</i>
Andrea Elisa Peña	Fatima Shields*	Sade White*
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Business Administration</i>	<i>Musical Arts</i>
Keith R. Phillips*	Isalita Silva	Ashley Whorl**
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Musical Arts</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>
Samuel Howard Pierre	Mark A. Simmonds**	Rebekah Williams
<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Business Administration</i>
Roselie Pierre	Tameka E. Simmons*	Denise M.E. Williams
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Business Administration</i>	<i>Social Science</i>
Susana L Pires*	Latifa Ameera Smith	Tyler M. Williams*
<i>Biological Science</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>
Sheryl Thompson Powell***	Susan Smith*	Mathew Williams***
<i>Business Administration</i>	<i>Biological Science</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>
Sherell Pringle	Andrea Esther Soto***	Kylah Wilson*
<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Xavier S. Ramdial	Nicole Spaulding	Adesuwa Janet Woghiren**
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Maria Ramos*	Alice N. Stewart***	Semira J. Worku**
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Andrea M. Rattan**	Bryana Lynnea Thomas	Jean Dudley Yacor*
<i>Business Administration</i>	<i>Business Administration</i>	<i>Biological Science</i>
Elda Revol*	Kenneth Xavier Tulloch Jr.	Hlee Yang***
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Liberal Arts</i>	<i>Biological Science</i>
Cheryl Ricketts	Natasha Vasquez	Rosaline Zicourt
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Social Science</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>
Nia Rivera	Melissa Velazquez*	Elie Zoyem*
<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>	<i>Health Careers</i>

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Associate in Science

Keilah Yadira Acevedo <i>Nursing</i>	Kelly A. Cantore* <i>Radiologic Technology</i>	Reginald S. Gilbert* <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Sharon Agnew-Saunders <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Salina D. Carrothers* <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Brenda Gonzalez <i>Nursing</i>
Waldo E. Aguavivas** <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Pierre G. Charles* <i>Business Management</i>	Rushanna T. Gordon <i>Nursing</i>
Karen T. Ahern <i>Nursing</i>	Jeffrey Hugor Ciceron* <i>Engineering</i>	George Guara <i>Nursing</i>
Yulemny Alcantara* <i>Radiologic Technology</i>	Cassandra Clifford*** <i>Nursing</i>	Guled A. Guled <i>Accounting</i>
Ashely Amado** <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Wilbert Colas** <i>Computer Science</i>	Benjamin James Gunn** <i>Nursing</i>
Akaolisa S. Anadu* <i>Information System Technology</i>	TempieAreba Lavona-Jessica Coren-Thiesfeld** <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Yvonne Hall <i>Nursing</i>
Jacqueline Anselme Joseph <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Toyin Covan <i>Nursing</i>	Sheldon Sadik Hall*** <i>Accounting</i>
Lesa Antoine <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Tyandra Cribbs <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Tamer Tohami Hassen <i>Nursing</i>
Tim Austin** <i>Information System Technology</i>	Valdano De Pina <i>Nursing</i>	LaWanda M.E. Hector* <i>Biotechnology</i>
Louxandra L. Baah <i>Nursing</i>	Yolande Delpe <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Miccene Henri <i>Nursing</i>
Princess Baptiste-Maloney <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Monique Denaud* <i>Nursing</i>	Dawn Marie Hicks <i>Nursing</i>
Laidy Loff Barbosa* <i>Business Management</i>	Camesha L. Dobson** <i>Accounting</i>	Hassan His <i>Accounting</i>
Shamalia Nordia Barrett <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Diana Dorisca* <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Luke Chike Igweobi* <i>Nursing</i>
Edely R. Basile <i>Nursing</i>	Ginette Fanfan* <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Nosakhare Iyekekpolor* <i>Engineering</i>
Michael D. Biscione** <i>Nursing</i>	Valerie Ariane Fleury-Germain <i>Nursing</i>	Marie Sterline Janvier <i>Early Childhood Education</i>
Kester Bramble <i>Accounting</i>	Barbara Valeria Fortin* <i>Nursing</i>	Cassandra Jean <i>Early Childhood Education</i>
Tanisha D. Brown* <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Marie-Elia Josephine Foucault* <i>Nursing</i>	Gerline Jean <i>Nursing</i>
Greg Bucha <i>Nursing</i>	Frantzso Francois <i>Accounting</i>	Belinda Jean-Calixte* <i>Biotechnology</i>
Jonathan Burgos <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Isamal Fritzberg* <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Jazmine Jones <i>Nursing</i>
Nefertiti D. Burton-Reeves <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Rosette Galiwango <i>Nursing</i>	Christine Joseph <i>Nursing</i>
Bryanna Marissa Bustion* <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Régine Gelin <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Mirlande Joseph** <i>Nursing</i>
Kanetria Nakitta Nicole Butler* <i>Early Childhood Education</i>		Tihitina Yimer Kifle* <i>Nursing</i>

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Associate in Science

Martin Maina Kimeria* <i>Nursing</i>	Maria I. Ortiz* <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Nicole Ann Squadere <i>Nursing</i>
Dane Kevin Lawla-Downie <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Geneva Osorio** <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Zemen Taddese Takele* <i>Nursing</i>
Francesca Lespinasse* <i>Nursing</i>	Nicole M. Parra* <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Rosilda Deassis Tangvik*** <i>Early Childhood Education</i>
Dafeng Li <i>Nursing</i>	Jeffrey Pascal <i>Biotechnology</i>	Ermonela Thano*** <i>Radiologic Technology</i>
Natacha Louis-Jean* <i>Nursing</i>	Ilene Denise Perez <i>Nursing</i>	Maureen A. Thompson <i>Nursing</i>
Rasheedah A. Malik <i>Biotechnology</i>	Ana Karen Perez Aguilar*** <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Troy Thompson <i>Business Management</i>
Vashti M. Massaquoi <i>Accounting</i>	Amyna K. Perry <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Stephen P. Tompkins <i>Nursing</i>
Stephanie N. Mbawuike* <i>Nursing</i>	Marie Dieola Phane <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Catilda L. Turner <i>Nursing</i>
Jacquelyn Marie Mello <i>Nursing</i>	Knight M. Polk** <i>Nursing</i>	Delores Della Vann* <i>Biotechnology</i>
Sachary Melo* <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Mark John Pomerleau*** <i>Radiologic Technology</i>	Tannah L. Victor* <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Isaias Mendoza* <i>Business Management</i>	Christinette Pompilus* <i>Nursing</i>	Nazzio Maurice Vigo <i>Information System Technology</i>
Cassandra Millet <i>Nursing</i>	Peter J. Quiles* <i>Web Technologies</i>	Danica E. Villanueva <i>Accounting</i>
Latanya R. Minors <i>Business Management</i>	Sean C. Quiroz* <i>Accounting</i>	Angelik Walters* <i>Business Management</i>
Latanya R. Minors <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Emile Ravix <i>Nursing</i>	Stacy M. Watson <i>Nursing</i>
Xiomara Ivette Muñoz Rosado* <i>Nursing</i>	Yesenia Rendon** <i>Engineering</i>	Romelia Candis Mechelle Webb* <i>Early Childhood Education</i>
Marc Arthur Napoleon*** <i>Biotechnology</i>	Renata De Castro Nava Ribeiro*** <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Cailltin B. Whelan <i>Nursing</i>
Lina Kashay Nerie* <i>Accounting</i>	Nelida C. Rodriguez <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Brandee C. White <i>Nursing</i>
Jennie Nguyen <i>Nursing</i>	Jean Eddy Sabbat*** <i>Biotechnology</i>	Aaliyah M. Williams <i>Criminal Justice</i>
Julissa Nova* <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Sony Alexanders Saint-Hubert <i>Engineering</i>	Julisa J. Williams <i>Nursing</i>
Jennifer Olivier <i>Nursing</i>	Ruth Salcedo <i>Early Childhood Education</i>	Omar Verron Wright* <i>Radiologic Technology</i>
Genevieve B. Onwumere** <i>Nursing</i>	Armando Jose Santana <i>Accounting</i>	Sandrine Youbi*** <i>Administrative Information Technology</i>
Holly Elizabeth Orr*** <i>Radiologic Technology</i>	Yolanda Shamara Scales <i>Nursing</i>	Mario A. Zelaya-Carranza* <i>Business Management</i>
Janice Ortiz* <i>Criminal Justice</i>	Jaime Severino <i>Nursing</i>	

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Certificates with Specification

Sabienne Alcide <i>Licensed Practical Nursing</i>	Kimberly A. Houston* <i>Accounting</i>	Jahonda D. Pratt <i>Broadcast Media Technology</i>
Kizzy Ennovy Aponte <i>Broadcast Media Technology</i>	Belinda Jean-Calixte* <i>Biotechnology</i>	Emily Preko* <i>Licensed Practical Nursing</i>
Kimberly Anne Barrett <i>Licensed Practical Nursing</i>	Jack Jouthe** <i>Licensed Practical Nursing</i>	Allan Carlo Ramel*** <i>Licensed Practical Nursing</i>
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Scholarships, Awards, and Honors

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These \$500 scholarships are awarded each semester and recognize outstanding academic achievement. To be eligible, students must be enrolled full-time in a degree program, with high honors (GPA 3.5 – 3.75) or highest honors (GPA 3.76 – 4.0). All applications must be signed by the department chair of the student's major to indicate endorsement by the department. Three awards are given annually.

- Mariame Fofana
- Vanitha Kalimuthu
- James Santry

Health Sciences Division Scholarships

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Candidates must be full-time students enrolled in the Nursing Program (9 credits) with a GPA of at least 3.0.

- Henrietta Muiyang Chick
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Honors Program Scholarship

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Awards of \$500 each will be made to full-time students who are enrolled in required courses for their major and participate in the College's Honors Program.

- Sircey Christalin
- Mariame Fofana
- Hlee Yang

International Student Scholarship

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One \$1,000 award will be given to a full-time student who has come from a foreign country to study at RCC and holds valid student visa. The student must have at least a 3.0 GPA.

- Mary Muturi

John Hancock Financial Services

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These \$5,000 scholarships support tuition, student's fees and books for Boston youth enrolled at the College.

- Denise Barnes
- Jane Mbayi
- Julisa Mills

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Julia Woods Brown Scholarship

SPONSOR: Emeny Family Foundation

These \$500 scholarships are awarded in memory of Julia Woods Brown. To be eligible, students need to demonstrate a commitment to the community at large or to the College by working with specific populations. An essay describing community involvement is required. Candidates need to have completed at least 12 credits at RCC and have at least a 3.25 GPA.

- Yetunde Animasahun
- Hlee Yang

Liberal Arts Majors Scholarship Award

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These \$500 scholarship awards are awarded to full-time students majoring in Liberal Arts who have significantly contributed to the College through their participation in extracurricular activity such as student government, athletics, campus newspaper, club leadership, etc while maintaining a GPA of at least 3.0.

- Arlene Arocho
- Matthew Williams

Martin Luther King Scholarship

SPONSOR: RCC Foundation

This \$500 scholarship, commemorating the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, is awarded to two full-time students with a GPA of at least 3.0 who excel in Social Science and have demonstrated commitment to the RCC community or to the community in which they reside. An essay describing community involvement is required.

- Christopher Blythe
- James Micarone

Science, Technology, Math, and Engineering Tuition Award (STEM Division)

SPONSOR: RCC Foundation

These \$500 scholarship awards are granted to STEM students in good academic standing, either full- or part-time, who have a 3.0 GPA in all STEM classes and a recommendation from the Department.

- Sircey Christalin
- Julie-Ann Jeffesha Ramgeet
- Mariame Fofana
- Vanitha Kalimuthu
- Kadian Morrison
- Hlee Yang

Stop and Shop Scholarships

SPONSOR: The Stop and Shop Companies

Ten (10) scholarships of \$500 each are awarded to students, full- or part-time, who have achieved a GPA of 2.5 or higher and who live in the City of Boston (required documentation: a rent receipt, utility bill, etc.). Preference will be given to those students who currently work or have worked for Stop and Shop and have good standing with the company.

- Tyanna Allen
- Kizzy Aponte
- Xiomara Munoz
- Andy Boucicaut
- Jeffrey Campbell
- Henrietta Muyang Chick
- Julisa Mills
- Kadian Morrison
- Octavia Simmons
- Pierre Benaldo Verdieu

Urban Workforce Scholarship

SPONSOR: RCC Foundation

Awards are given to students who are enrolled in the College's business and industry short-term certificate programs. Students participating in a workforce program (fewer than 12 credits per semester) will receive one-half of their tuition charges to a maximum of \$500.

- Marcia Sharpe

Academic Regalia

The caps, gowns and hoods of the academic procession date back to the Middle Ages when they were common dress for scholars. In the Twelfth Century, monks and students wore them to keep warm from the damp and drafty European castles and halls of learning.

The Bachelor's gown has a pleated front and long, pointed sleeves. The Master's gown, which may be worn open, is distinguished by its long square sleeves. The Doctor's gown is trimmed with velvet panels and has three velvet bars on the bell shaped sleeves.

The hood provides the color, contrast and symbolism of the procession. Certain colors became associated with particular areas of knowledge. For example, the hood border worn by a doctor of theology was red, a color associated with the Catholic Church; a medical doctor wore a green border, which relates to the healing powers of medicinal herbs.

Departmental Colors of Faculty Members' Hoods & Tassels

Accounting	Drab	Law	Purple
Agriculture	Maize	Library Science	Lemon
Arts, Humanities	White	Mathematics	Science Gold
Chiropractic	Silver Gray	Medicine	Green
Communications	Crimson	Music	Pink
Criminal Justice	Midnight Blue	Nursing	Apricot
Dentistry	Lilac	Pharmacy	Olive Green
Economics	Copper	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Education	Light Blue	Psychology	Gold
Engineering	Orange	Science	Golden Yellow
Fine Arts	Brown	Social Work	Citron
Journalism	Crimson	Theology	Scarlet

Roxbury Community College

Gateway to the Dream

Years of dreaming and planning came to life in 1973, when Roxbury Community College opened its doors in the Grove Hall area of Roxbury. Despite less than ideal surroundings - its location was a former car dealership - Roxbury Community College's dedicated faculty, staff, and administration served the educational needs of four hundred students. The College's mission then, as it is now, was to provide higher education to those Boston residents who found most other avenues to higher education closed.

In 1975, growth was the impetus for a move to 424 Dudley Street, a former nursing home. This move permitted the expansion and strengthening of academic programs and student services. The College continued to grow, which precipitated another move in 1982, to the former site of Boston State College on Huntington Avenue. As the College continued to shift its service base to meet an expanding enrollment, the goal to establish a permanent home for Roxbury Community College in the heart of the communities it served, remained strong.

With much anticipation, Roxbury Community College built its new home as the cornerstone of the Southwest Corridor in the Spring of 1988. This fifteen-acre campus includes a state-of-the-art Media Arts Building, Academic Building, Administration Building, Student Center, and the Reggie Lewis Track and Athletic Center.

A global village, Roxbury Community College's multicultural and ethnically diverse student population has set it apart from other community colleges in the Commonwealth. Although most of our students are from Boston and surrounding communities, many come from all over the world: North America, Central America, South America, Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Europe and the Caribbean.

With renewed commitment, Roxbury Community College continues its legacy of providing educational opportunities for all who enter its doors.

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The background of the page features a large, faint, light blue seal of Roxbury Community College. The seal is circular with the words "ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE" around the top and "GATEWAY TO THE FUTURE" around the bottom. In the center is a shield with a stylized sunburst or starburst design.

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